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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/707,429	Applicant(s) MACKIEWICZ ET AL.	
	Examiner Benjamin A Pezzlo	Art Unit 3683	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-9,11 and 15-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6,10,12-14,21 and 22 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities:

The claim number is missing.

Appropriate correction is required.

2. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities:

line 2, "engage" should be "engages";

line 3, "respond" should be "responds".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, "from a condition moving" in line 11 is unclear and "motion effective at first extreme" is also unclear in the third to the last line.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 15, and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cochran (US 3908804).

Cochran discloses a brake actuating assembly (see Fig. 1) for a wheeled vehicle, comprising: a hydraulically actuable brake piston 72 for moving friction braking surfaces into a braking condition to arrest wheel rotation; an axially reciprocal cam member 28 having a first cam surface for selectively moving the brake piston into the braking condition, and a second cam surface 64; a first hydraulic circuit 92 for supplying hydraulic fluid to axially translate said cam member from a brake released condition to a condition moving the brake piston into the braking condition; a second hydraulic circuit 90 for supplying hydraulic fluid to axially translate said cam member from a condition moving the brake piston into the braking condition to a brake released condition; and a resilient assembly 70 for selectively engaging the second cam surface to move said cam member obliquely to the direction of axial reciprocation wherein oblique cam member motion effective at first extreme establishes a braking condition and at opposite second extreme to establish the brake released condition.

Re claims 2-5, see Fig. 2.

Re claims 7 and 8, see Fig. 1.

Re claim 9, see spring 70.

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Re claims 11 and 15, see above rejection re claim 1.

Re claims 16-20, see Fig. 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 6, 10, 12-14, 21, and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kohler, Reinecke, Bischoff, Farr, Schultz, Girvan, Bricker et al. and Farr disclose related devices.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin A Pezzlo whose telephone number is (703) 306-4617. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Lavinder can be reached on (703) 308-3421. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Examiner
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